



Monday—"The Nancy Hanks."  
Tuesday—"Sol Smith Russell."  
Wednesday and Thursday—"The Lilliputians in England."  
Friday and Saturday—"What Happened to Jones."

This week at the Academy of Music will be taken altogether, one of the most attractive of the season. Four varieties of amusement will be seen, presenting Sol Smith Russell, Frank Tannehill, Jr., The Lilliputians in their English production, and with a minor exception, the original New York cast in the great comedy success "What Happened to Jones."

**THE NANCY HANKS.**  
That famous comedy, "The Nancy Hanks," which has been a success all over the country for the past three years will be presented to-morrow night.



HERBERT AND ZINK.

eyes of a rich old aunt and of the girl whom he loves matters are finally explained satisfactorily by the aid of Pearl Dodo, an actress. The Nancy Hanks sketch isn't mentioned to any great extent in the play, is a good mine popularly supposed to exist only on paper, but which proves to be a profitable reality. The comedy is a play of the Marquis, who holds a quantity of its stock. The people in the company comprise many of the originals who made the play famous, and includes the author, Frank Tannehill, Jr., Harry Beresford, who has played the part of the Frenchman from the beginning to the end, Miss F. A. Tannehill, who as Aunt Hetty is inimitable; Lida Aude, who plays the part of the actress especially in a dashing manner, and who sings a number of the latest songs; Miss George Langard, a charming little actress; Miss Ollie Love, who has some very excellent songs; Miss Carlotta, famous dancer and singer; Taylor Williams, the eminent baritone, and a number of other well-known actors in the play, and not a dull moment during the entertainment from the time to the time of the curtain. The shape of genuine Japanese tapestries will be given every lady holding a seat coupon.

**SOL SMITH RUSSELL.**  
Sol Smith Russell's new comedy, "Hon. John Grigsby," to be seen on Tuesday evening turns on a poor western lawyer, John Grigsby, who in the early '90s lived in Salmon County, Ill. His son Jack is in love with Nellie, the daughter of rich, influential James Ogden, newspaper editor, politician, and a wealthy widow who has a sentimental leaning towards John Grigsby, secure for him the nomination for Supreme Court Judge. In the meantime Grigsby takes up the case of a young school mistress, Meg Ronalds, against Ogden and other politicians, who are trying to drive her out of town by defaming her character. It seems that Meg's mother, a Southern girl, had been deserted by her husband when Meg had drifted North, opened a school and incurred the enmity of Ogden by teaching colored children. He goes on with the fight until Ogden shows him the proofs that his nomination was bought by the widow. Then Grigsby weakens and is about to desert when he discovers that the man who deserted Meg's mother is this same James Ogden. He offers to make reparation but Meg repudiates him, and Ogden is compelled by Grigsby to give his consent to Jack's marriage with Nellie. The cast will include Florence Rockwell, Ethel May, Lida Aude, who plays the part of the school mistress, and several other well-known actors in the play. The scenery was painted by E. G. Thatt and is said to be very fine.

**THE LILLIPUTIANS.**  
On Wednesday and Thursday nights and Thursday matinee the Lilliputians come to the Academy in their new spectacular play in English entitled "The Golden Horseshoe."



TWO LILLIPUTIANS.

and highly amused. "The Golden Horseshoe" shows a series of really excellent farces in which the Lilliputians excel in their versatile talents. Zink and Ebert, as Dick and Bob, are a couple of rough imps, who instead of playing their trades are on mischief and adventure. They meet a couple of variety actresses named Eunice and Tootsie. Of course the couple fall straightaway in love with one another, especially the men who have heard from their sweethearts that in Kalamazoo an eccentric old woman has left a will by which only a person of less than three feet shall become sole heir to her fortune. There is a hitch, however, for there is a codicil in which the old lady makes it a condition that the heir must first find a golden horseshoe which she has hidden away somewhere in a swamp. The treasure is finally discovered by Tootsie—an individual small woman—at the bottom of the sea which she has reached by means of a submarine. The Lilliputians are at their best in "The Golden Horseshoe." Ebert is a bubbling humorist, as Adolf Zink is an intense comedian, and Selma Goerner an inherited soubrette. Although there is a new-comer in the company, Miss Lindner, who is several inches smaller than Ebert, still the latter re-

mainly entrenched in the admiration and approval of his audiences.

**"WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES."**  
Friday and Saturday nights, and a matinee on Sunday afternoon will be devoted to the first appearance here of George H. Broadhurst's success "What Happened to Jones." It is a purely farcical comedy that depends entirely on its dialogue and situations for its fun. The story treats of one Ebenezer Goodly, who is a professor of anatomy. His interesting family consists of his wife, her maid, his sister, two beautiful daughters and a ward, Elsie. The story is a comedy in the person of the Right Reverend Anthony Goodly, the Bishop of Ballarat, who has been in the colonies for thirty years, but who has been in constant communication with his maiden sister-in-law. The first act opens in a flurry of excitement and preparation, the Bishop being anxiously expected by his wife, who is a sister of the hand of one of Mr. Goodly's daughters. The content is supposed to have taken place in a private club, but the police raid the place, and are pursued by what they believe to be a policeman, but who is no more than a fellow spectator who is being pursued himself. He enters the house a few minutes after the professor, and after some explanations of his presence, relates how the complications begin. This is Jones, who travels for a hymn-book house, and sells playing cards as a side line. As the police are around and in the house all the time, the professor is compelled to consent to shield Jones, and he is mistaken by the family for the professor. So the story complicates itself throughout three acts, and works up admirably. The most laughable part occurs when the Right Reverend gentleman makes his appearance on the scene. There is a sanctimonious look on his face, and it appears to the family as though the Bishop is one of the inmates who has escaped. The professor is also kept busy, as Jones has his wife that he is a very sick man and must be kept in bed. Through all this Jones is putting up a bluff game of wits with the maiden sister, and a real game with the ward. The company is an exceptional one, and includes George Cope, Mabel Montgomery, Gerald Griffin, Helen Bell, Frank Currier, Florence Robinson, H. J. Robert, Mrs. F. A. Eberle, Lewis H. Newcomb, and Ada Craven.

**CHRISTMAS ATTRACTIONS.**  
Koster and Bial's Vaudeville are coming to the Academy of Music on Christmas and New Year's Day. The comedians are the most expensive and complete vaudeville organizations that have ever left New York. Bessie Bonehill, Gus Williams, Richard Harlow, Alberta Pryde Fleurette, Wm. F. Carleton, Mason Mitchell and a score of other stage celebrities will be seen with the comedians. The cast will include Florence Rockwell, Ethel May, Lida Aude, who plays the part of the school mistress, and several other well-known actors in the play. The scenery was painted by E. G. Thatt and is said to be very fine.

THE STAR COURSE.

Like Alexander Black's Picture Play—Scenes Laid in Scotland.



The third entertainment of the Star Course will be given Thursday night of this week at the Academy of Music. It will be as unique, and one that will draw just as largely as did "Miss Jerry," by Alexander Black, in the season of '97. Mr. Albert Armstrong, a famous Scotchman, now of Boston, will give his illustrated recital of Ian MacLaren's "Bonnie Briar Bush." The scenes of the evening are laid in Scotland, and the views will be from photographs taken by Mr. Armstrong himself in a nine-weeks' sojourn among the peasant Highlanders, and will consist of two parts: First, "For Conscience Sake," is from the "Days of Auld Lang Syne," and "A Door of the Old School," is from "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush." The views are beautiful, and prominent on the stage. The course is a choice attraction. The entertainment given to-morrow night by the Elysian Entertainers of New York, a company composed of an impersonator, a musical monologist, a story-teller, and a triendrick, the well-known sleight-of-hand performer, will keep a large audience in good humor all the evening. Seats can be secured at the Academy office during the day, or at the box office during the night.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE.**

Union Literary Meeting to be Held at Laurel Street M. E. Church.

The Union Literary meeting to be held at Laurel Street M. E. church, Tuesday evening, December 13th, under the auspices of the Epworth League of Richmond and Manchester, promises to be a most successful one. The entertainment given to-morrow night by the Elysian Entertainers of New York, a company composed of an impersonator, a musical monologist, a story-teller, and a triendrick, the well-known sleight-of-hand performer, will keep a large audience in good humor all the evening. Seats can be secured at the Academy office during the day, or at the box office during the night.

**Items From Highland Springs.**  
Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Nathan Bochman Dahl to Miss Bertha Adelaide Woodruff on December 1st, owing to recent additions to the wedding was very quiet. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Hyde at 6:30 A. M. After the ceremony the bride party breakfasted at New Ford's and at 8:45 left for a short tour through Virginia. The bride was stylishly dressed in a cadet blue tailor suit with toque to match. She is the daughter of Mr. C. C. Woodruff. Mr. Dahl is a popular decorative artist of Richmond. They will reside at the Springs. Mr. Ernest Woodruff, of Nebraska, is expected to arrive this week on a two months' visit to Virginia. Dr. Humeston is considerably improved.

Mrs. St. John Beauclerc has entirely recovered from her recent illness. Mr. F. J. Harker is making some very attractive improvement on his property. Mrs. A. E. Davis, so well known and loved here, is wintering at Garden Grove, Orange county, California.

# Winter Bicycling.



Winter bicycling is becoming more and more general each year. The opportunities offered nowadays for indulging in old-fashioned winter sports are so few and far between that those who seek outdoor pastimes between fall and spring have to depend almost entirely upon golf and the bicycle. Thanks to the good roads which penetrate the suburban districts of most of the larger cities, wheeling is made practical and enjoyable from one end of the year to the other. Proper clothing and a little judgment regarding wind and weather are the only things a man or woman needs be especially careful about in taking winter spins on the silent steed.

The same conditions exist here now as in England, where all the year-round cycling has been indulged in ever since the early days of wheeling. In fact British cyclists who put their wheels in the storeroom in the winter months are called "butterfly riders" by their more energetic brethren. Snow is as scarce in England as it is along the middle Atlantic coast of the United States.

Our climate has a decided advantage for winter cycling, in that the atmosphere is clearer and less moist than that of England. The soft, affording quick drainage for the roads. Thus, clumsy mud-guards and similar contrivances for the protection of riders, so common in England, are not needed by cyclists on American roads in our climate.

The only real danger in winter cycling is the tendency of the riders to rally forth without sufficient or proper clothing to guard against colds, pneumonia and kindred ailments. The danger is not so much in the riding as in stopping. While pedaling along, the rider's exercise keeps his blood in circulation, and opens his pores. When he stops and fails to seek shelter at once, the frosty air gets in its invictive work without reserve and brings about the illness which might be averted.

Warm woolen underclothing is imperative. Summer costumes should be discarded for suits of comparatively heavy cloth, and thick soft hose should be worn. Stout shoes and knit gloves are needed to keep the extremities warm.

**TOROGGAINING SUITS ADOPTED.**  
In Canada and through the upper counties of New York State many cyclists have adopted the regulation toboggaining suit for their winter cycling. This is particularly true of certain bicycle clubs, which use the toboggaining suits as their winter uniform. They answer the double purpose of keeping the riders warm and making a striking and attractive appearance.

The custom will undoubtedly be taken up by clubs and individuals in New York, Chicago and other American cities. The blouse and knicker of the toboggaining suit are made of blanket cloth, white, with deep red or blue border. The toque or cap is knit in colors to match, and is shaped like the old-fashioned fool's cap. Being pliable, it falls down over the sides of the head in a jaunty and effective manner.

The costume is picturesque, but by no means loud. It is even more becoming to women, when made up with a short skirt. Those who have attended any of the ice carnivals in Canada will remember how effective a picture was made by the toboggaining and snowshoe devotees. Clad in like manner cyclists appear duly as well.

Cycling on firm, hard snow is just as enjoyable as riding over macadamized roads, with the added attraction of the pleasing crunching sound the tires make in speeding over the crusty surface. Wet snow is not advisable to ride in, as it is likely to injure the machine by rust and to saturate the legs of the rider.

**A GENUINE RED SHIRT.**  
Judge Neal Presents His to a Representative of the Times.

Hon. Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, N. C., has presented a representative of the Times with the red shirt and belt he wore during the late campaign in that State. He is one of the most effective stump speakers. Judge Neal headed the red-shirt party who waited upon Henry Covington, a white man who was making incendiary speeches, and made him apologize for bad advice given the negroes and promise not to make any more speeches.

**Heavy Weight Swine.**  
Mr. M. A. Irby, of Vernon Hill, killed four hogs averaging 365; Mr. James Irby killed five averaging 30; Mr. Arthur Herst killed one weighing 421—South Boston News.

**MUSIC HATH CHARMS.**  
And Here is a Place Where It is Turned Loose in Great Array.

Christmas with most people is a season of joy and merriment, and there is no better or more appropriate way to enjoy one's self than with music. It has been said that "music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," and everybody knows how true the saying is. Music, both vocal and instrumental, has added joy and peace to the lives of many people, and Richmond is blessed with a number of first-class musical establishments, where instruments to make music can be purchased on easy and comfortable terms, and on of the best known is the Cable Piano Company, on Broad Street, which is managed by Mr. J. G. Corley, an experienced dealer in musical instruments.

The new store occupied by this company is one of the handsomest on the street, and its elegantly appointed sales rooms are fine in finish and dress. A very large assortment of Pianos and Organs are on exhibition, and frequently impromptu concerts are given, demonstrating the excellence of the stock.

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